

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 1-14, which were allowed for issue in the parent application. Claims 15-20 of the original application remain pending.

Applicant's representative respectfully requests an opportunity to conduct an interview with the Examiner to discuss the patentable distinctions between these claims and the references cited in the parent application. Applicant's representative will contact the Examiner to schedule an interview, and can be reached at the number listed below.

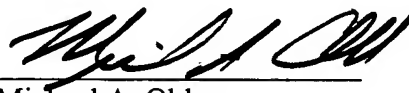
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